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A  
*Message From  
The President*

Dorothy C. Baber, CSNA 1577

By the time this issue is in hand, summer-time will be a memory only — vacation-weary members will be back at the occupations that make the hobby possible . . .

We are looking forward now to our 85th Semi-Annual Convention in Santa Ana at the Saddleback Travelodge, the week end of October 27, 28 and 29, 1989. I encourage all of you to support the Orange County Coin Club and CSNA. General Chairmen Al Hall and Bruce Davidson are making arrangements for invitational exhibit displays to be a drawing card for the public.

Of special interest to numismatists in May was the striking of the United States Congressional Coins, commemorating 200 years of congress, in Washington, D.C. California State Numismatic Association was well represented. In attendance were Al and I, John and Kay Lenker, Helen and Don Carmody, Stan Turrini, Mike Stanley, Paul Whitnah and a few others whose names escape at the moment.

The large tent erected on the east side of the capitol would accommodate about 400 persons. It was disturbing to see the center section, which had been reserved for senators and congressmen, nearly empty. The sections on each side, reserved for the hobbyists, dealers and news media was quite crowded. Being early, we had a very choice seat in the second row in front of the presses which were to strike the \$1 coin.

Four presses had been moved from Philadelphia for this auspicious occasion. It was the \$5 Gold Half Eagle and the \$1 coin that were struck in Washington, D.C. The half dollar coin was to be struck at the San Francisco Mint simultaneously with the strikes in Washington, D.C.

The first strike of the \$1 coin was a 'bummer' so the Secretary of the Treasury Brady promptly moved to the second press,



which performed without any hitches. Mint Director Donna Pope said that explained why there were two presses for each coin.

Though the ceremonies were over in less than two hours, with a number of dignitaries striking the two coins, the presses were utilized the remainder of the day and the following day when many legislators were allowed to strike their individual coins. It is reported that nearly 1,000 Gold Half Eagles and Silver Dollars were struck during the two day period. It is heartening to know that these dignitaries will have to pay the same price for their coins as those of us in the hobby. I'll be proud to display mine when they arrive, having experienced this event.



On another topic — I hope that you all noted in the last issue Librarian Dorothy Beaulieu's list of the most recent acquisitions to the library. She welcomes your patronage to use these books! This library is well-known for it's contents, and is envied by many other organizations. Books are available to members at no cost other than postage and insurance. Get with it — read one of the new ones.

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## Editorially

VIRGINIA M. HALL  
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**THANKS LORELIE** — I am pleased and grateful to have had you on the Calcoin News staff for seven years, a mere thank you seems so inadequate. You have been a very dedicated contributor, always reporting club news, election of officers, social activities and shows of the individual clubs with your own special flair.

I know there were times when your health dictated more rest than your busy schedule would allow, but being the faithful person you are and committed to a deadline.

When you see Lorelie at the convention or local meeting, extend your compliments for a job well done.

Thanks again Lorelie, enjoy your retirement!

**INTRODUCING AL LO** — He has been editor of the Cupertino Coin Club's monthly bulletin, The Coin Press, for a number of years.

Sandwiched in between official duties, working with Junior members, designing medals and building award winning displays — plus earning a living for his family — Al puts out a terrific bulletin. He served the Cupertino Coin Club as President during 1986-87.

This is a request to all editors and/or secretaries for clubs North of the Tehachapis, to send your bulletins, new officer lists, club activities, etc. directly to Al Lo, 6570 Skyfarm Dr., San Jose, Ca. 95120.

Welcome to the Calcoin News Staff, Al.

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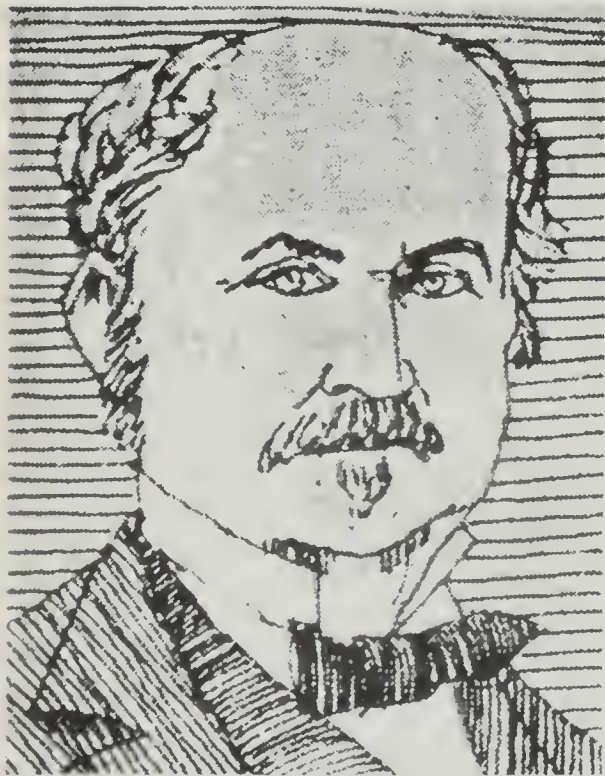
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## Through the Numismatic Glass

IS THE FIRST UNITED STATES COMMEMORATIVE  
COIN DATED 1848?

Chronological listings of United States Commemorative coins generally start with the Columbian half dollar issued in 1892 to honor the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago. This column will suggest the first United States Commemorative coin was dated 44 years earlier.

In their book "The Encyclopedia of United States Silver & Gold Commemorative Coins," authors Anthony Swiatek and Walter Breen refer to the commemorative concept as "the practice of making coin devices alluding to some locality, event or important personage . . ." The "Guide Book of United States Coins" (Red Book), 1989 edition states, "These special coins are usually issued either to commemorate events or to help pay for monuments or celebrations that commemorate historical persons, places or things." In Richard G. Doty's "The Macmillan Encyclopedia Dictionary of Numismatics," the commemorative is defined as a "coin or note honoring a particular person or event, with a design markedly different from that of ordinary money."



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### GOLD IS DISCOVERED

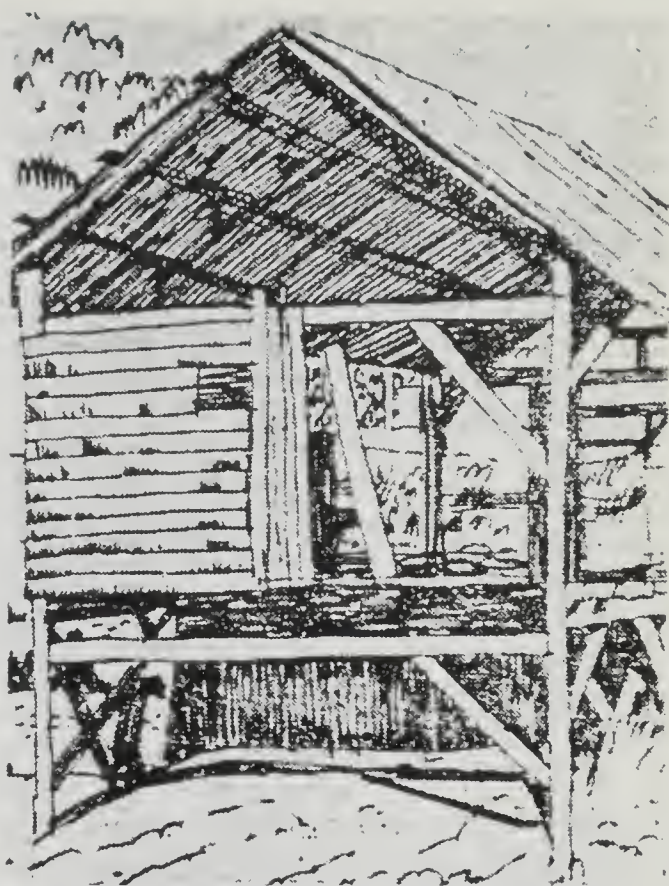
Thirty-three year old James Wilson Marshall joined with John Sutter who owned a partial of land including a trading center. In the summer of 1847, they had formed a partnership in the construction of a sawmill. Since lumber was in short supply, it was determined to build a sawmill along one of the rivers in the foothills of the Sierras. A site was chosen along the American River and by mid-January, 1848, a dam made of brush and rocks had been completed. Thus the stage was set for an event that would have profound effects throughout the world.



During the afternoon of January 24, 1848 (this author's birthday), Marshall was inspecting the progress of the mill work. He noticed the yellow flakes in the stream but paid little attention to them. As more and more of these specks and flakes began to appear, Marshall scooped up the sand and flakes, swirling the mixture around in water until the yellow material was separated from the sand. Still not sure, Marshall returned the next morning and beneath about six inches of water he saw a tiny yellow nodule. Thus, the mighty secret of the Sierra had been revealed!

Sutter and Marshall attempted to protect their advantage by keeping the discovery a secret, a plan that failed. As the word spread, Sutter philosophically stood aside and the historic gold rush began. Wild stories of instant riches circulated everywhere and with utter disregard for the cost of necessities and the holdings left behind, men came from all over the bay area in search of instant wealth.

Rented houses in Monterey (Capital of the Territory) as well as San Francisco stood empty. Blacksmiths, carpenters and lawyers were all leaving for the gold fields. Public and private naval vessels were losing their crews. Mills were lying idle in Bodega and Sonoma and fields of wheat open to cattle were the results of vacant farms going to waste. The March, 1848, San Francisco census reported 810 people residing in the city by the Bay. By May, it was estimated at least 150 men had departed for the fields; a figure equal to a quarter of the male population at that time.



### THE EAST LEARNS ABOUT THE GOLD

The California of 1848 knew no telephones, telegraph; not even a transcontinental railroad. Although the discovery was made in January, 1848, it was not until August 19th that the news of the fold appeared in an eastern newspaper. Even then, the news was treated with skepticism and created little interest. However, the reports became more and more persistent and by November, New York newspapers carried the extraordinary news. Horace Greeley declared "We are on the brink of the Age of Gold."



Men flocked to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in search of gold.

## COLONEL MASON'S MISSION

Colonel Richard B. Mason, Military Governor of California, was determined to furnish the war office with undeniable proof that all of the exciting stories concerning the gold discovery were true. He selected First Lieutenant Loeser to carry the California gold to Washington. On August 30th, Loeser departed Monterey on board the schooner La Lambayecana arriving in Washington on December 7th. The reports about the abundance of gold on the west coast were dramatically substantiated when a tea caddy, filled with the exciting California gold, was placed on display in the War Office.

On December 9th, 228 ounces averaging .894 fine of the California gold were deposited with mint director, Robert M. Patterson. Secretary of War W. L. Marcy wrote to Patterson concerning the 228 ounces:

If the metal is found to be pure gold, as I doubt not that it will be, I request you to reserve enough of it for two medals ordered by Congress and not yet completed, and the remainder, with the exception of one or two small bars, I wish to have coined and sent with the bars to this department. As many may wish to procure specimens made with California gold, by exchanging other coin for it, I would suggest that it be made into quarter eagles with a distinguishing mark on each.

The "CAL" quarter eagles, probably minted in December, 1848, were not yet delivered by January, 1849. On January 5th, Patterson wrote to Marcy to explain that the delays had been caused by the amounts of silver in the California gold and by stamping the letters "CAL" on the reverse. Considering the gold used for the two medals and bars, it is probable the bullion yielded a mintage of 1,389 coins.



## A DESCRIPTION OF THE COIN

The distinguishing mark requested by the Secretary of War, Marcy, was the letters "CAL" representing California. Appearing on the reverse above the eagle, the "CAL" quarter eagle may be the most historically significant territorial gold coin ever minted by the United States Government. The quarter eagle at this time in history was the smallest gold denomination, the gold dollar not having been introduced until the following year.

Were it not for the concern and vision of the California Military Governor, Mason, and the Secretary of War, Marcy, the shipment of gold would not have been perpetuated. Nor could numismatists over a hundred years later possess a precious specimen of this 1848 quarter eagle with CAL to represent this great gold rush in United States history.



The 1848 quarter eagle is the so-called Coronet design, one in which the head of Miss Liberty was restyled with a coronet inscribed LIBERTY in place of the earlier headband. The diameter is 18mm. The work is that of artist Christian Gobrecht, assistant to engraver Kneass. The design is related to that used on earlier cents, half eagles and eagles. The weight was set at 3.7611 gms.

Collectors are warned of forgeries that have been reported from time to time. The original CAL had been punched into the dies with the pressure being distributed evenly. Fake gold pieces are created by punching the letter into coins that have already been minted.

### IS THIS A COMMEMORATIVE COIN?

At the beginning of this column, several definitions of Commemorative Coins were reported. Q. David Bowers has been consistent in reporting the 1848 CAL quarter eagle as a commemorative piece. Many other writers agree but state that any discussion of United States' Commemorative coins carries the assumption of the existence of congressional legislation establishing the coin as a commemorative, and includes the method of distribution and the reasons for the funds raised by the minting and distribution of the coins. None of these items pertained to the 1848 CAL quarter eagle gold coin. Some maintain this was just as 1848 quarter eagle with a counter punch. What do you think?

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## WELCOME TO ORANGE COUNTY

The Orange County Coin Club is celebrating 50 years of numismatic fellowship this year 1939-1989. What better way to commemorate their golden anniversary than to host the 85th CSNA convention!

The Spanish style Saddleback Travelodge in Santa Ana will be the headquarters. The bourse will be on the second floor in the Trabuco Room overlooking a well-appointed lobby and gift shop.

The Friday Luncheon has been scheduled for the Tustin Room which borders the outdoor courtyard.

Saturday night we will set up the banquet in the Wine Cellar. Memorabilia of the Orange County Coin Club will be provided by Bill and Elizabeth Wisslead, and comments on the 50 years will be made by OCCC member Levin Messiek. CSNA will give medals to those members with 25 years of continuous membership.

The hours of the show are Friday and Saturday, 10-7 and Sunday 10-4.

Albert Hall will be the Master of Ceremonies and invites you to join in on the fun and frolic as we countdown the club's half-century mark.



# DELAWARE: THE FIRST STATE

By William O. Wisslead,  
CSNA LM 14-3

## THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

In the American Revolution, Delaware furnished only two regiments to the Continental Army, but they were among the best in the service, and fought throughout the Revolutionary War. In August, 1777, British troops landed in Maryland and marched across Delaware toward Philadelphia. The American troops, including the three regiments from Delaware, met the British at Cooch's Ridge near Neward on September 3, 1777. The outnumbered Americans retreated, and the British went on to Pennsylvania. One of the companies of the first Delaware regiment carried a number of gamecocks said to have been the brood of a blue hen; hence, the soldiers were popularly known as the "blue hen's chickens."

## THE BICENTENNIAL MEDAL

On what I term the obverse of the silver round is a depiction of three soldiers, all facing to the right. No doubt the three counties are represented by these three figures, each holding a rifle. One of the gamecocks as before mentioned, is standing proudly in front of the three soldiers. At the top is the word Delaware; at the bottom, First State with a star in between the two words.

On the reverse is depicted a likeness of the famed Liberty Bell, similar to that found on the reverse of the Franklin Half-Dollar.

Also pictured is a horse with a rider. The legend around the rim reads: Caesar Rodney Rides For Independence Delaware - July 1-2, 1776. During June, 1776, Rodney was absent from Congress in Philadelphia. When Delaware's two remaining delegates to Congress, George Read and Thomas McKean deadlocked over the motion for Independence, McKean sent a messenger to Dover urging Rodney to return. In spite of a painful cancer on his face, Rodney rode eighty

miles over muddy roads to Philadelphia to reach Congress on July 2, 1776. Legend and McKean's own testimony are that Rodney strode into Congress in boots and spurs to join with McKean in voting Delaware in favor of Independence.



One of the original 13 states of the United States . . . first to ratify the U.S. Constitution, December 7, it became known as the "First State." Its total area is 2,057 square miles, quite small compared to other states, but in spite of that, Delaware became known as the "Diamond State" because of its worth in relation to its size.



## THE FIRST SETTLEMENT AND BOUNDARY

Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay for the Dutch in 1609. The following year, Captain Samuel Argall of Virginia named the bay for Lord De La Warr, the governor of that colony. In 1631 the first settlement on Delaware soil was made by the Dutch. The first attempt was unsuccessful, due to all the inhabitants being massacred by Indians. Sweden joined the Dutch in the next attempt at settlement lead by Peter Minuit in 1638. This location later became known as Wilmington. In 1664, England gained control of the area; the Dutch again took control in 1673 and a part of 1674. In the latter part of 1674, the

English again took control and established the "three counties on the Delaware," namely, New Castle, Kent and Sussex, north to south. Interestingly enough, the northern boundary with Pennsylvania was determined by drawing an arc of a circle twelve miles in radius. In 1691, due to misunderstandings and disagreements with Pennsylvania a special deputy governor was appointed for these three lower counties. These three counties were again reunited with Pennsylvania in 1693; then they secured a separate legislation in 1704, and a separate executive council in 1710. However, the governor of Pennsylvania was Chief Executive until 1776. Later that year the region became the Delaware State.

## BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

### NEW TRADE TOKEN BOOK

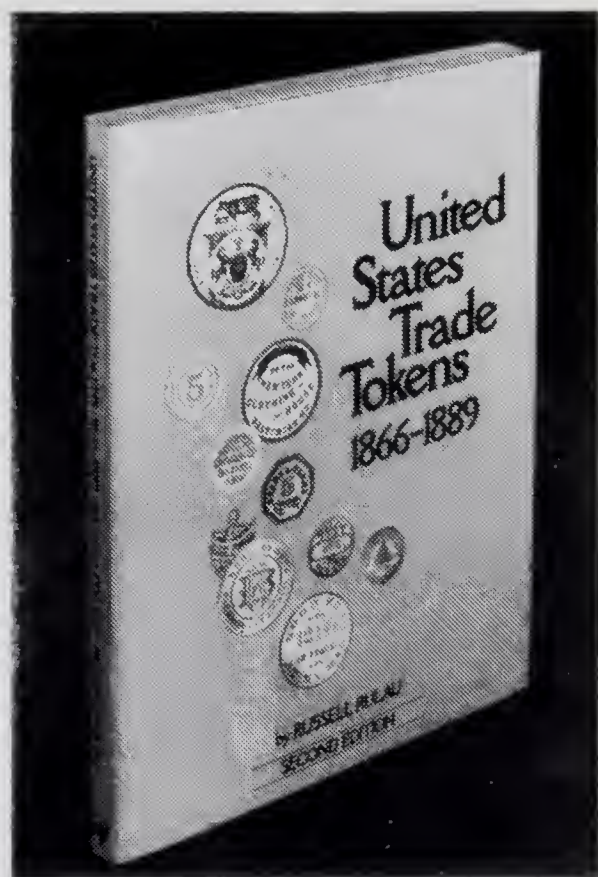
Most all collectors have some stashed away somewhere. They may be at the bottom of an old jewelry box, in a dusty attic, hidden away in a forgotten dresser drawer, or scattered among miscellaneous odds and ends.

We're talking about collectible tokens. Specifically those intriguing, appealing and unusual U.S. issues from the post-Civil War period.

Noted numismatist Russell Rulau first undertook categorizing the myriad of issues from 1866-1880 a number of years ago. The result was U.S. TRADE TOKENS, 1866-1889, 1st edition, published in 1983. The 2nd edition of this ground-breaking book (published by Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, Wi. 54990, priced at \$17.95 plus \$2.50 shipping, U.S. addresses is now available.

Many tokens previously cataloged as "mavericks" have now been identified, and dates of issue for many tokens have been greatly narrowed. Also included are listings for store cards, advertising checks, saloon and billiard tokens, trade tokens, work and railroad checks, picker chits, exposition and festival medalets and counterstamped coins.

(This is not a paid advertisement)



### MEMORIAL FUND

We thank the following individuals for their contributions to the CSNA Memorial Fund in remembrance of their friends.

William and Elizabeth Wisslead in memory of Louis J. Beretich.

Don Thrall in memory of G. A. "Corky" Ayers and Barbara Hyde.

# WHEN IS CALIFORNIA NOT A STATE?

By David F. Cieniewicz

CSNA 4185

The answer to the question asked in the title of this article is when "California" is found on a Spanish-language token, particularly if it is of Central American origin.

The token pictured below was acquired in a numismatic auction during 1987. The catalog had it listed as a California token of unknown origin.



The California attribution seemed reasonable since the legend states "California" and the Spanish denomination of four reales could relate it to the early California influence. Unfortunately, logic does not always prevail.

California, in the case of this particular token, turns out to be the name of a finca in El Savador owned by Miguel Angel Guiterrez. "Finca" translates roughly to farm or, in this case, probably a coffee

plantation. A mystery still remains as to why Senor Guiterrez chose to depict a perched parrot on one side of the token. It is quite possible that the parrot relates to a fondness Senor Guiterrez had for this species of bird. Perhaps it was a favorite pet or just a reminder of the abundance of parrots found on the plantation.

With the exception of data concerning denominations, most information concerning these particular tokens is conjecture based on the fabric and style of the series of four. Listed in *The Tokens of El Salvador* by Roberto Ulloa Llach, the Guiterrez tokens are found struck in denominations of 1/2, 1, 2 and 4 reales. All denominations have the equivalent denomination in centavos on the side shared with the parrot.

Miguel Guiterrez's tokens are believed to have been struck in the late 19th or early 20th century, probably between 1890 and 1910, in Germany. It is interesting to point out that the 1 real piece was unavailable for Llach to photograph for inclusion in his catalog. This could indicate the key piece of the series. Due to the infrequent appearance of any of the four tokens in the series, they can conservatively be classified as scarce.

Whether interested in tokens or not, pursuing a collection of this series would be a real challenge for numismatists and especially interesting for those residing in California.

## Bibliography

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The author would like to thank Mark Wm. Clark and Jerry F. Schimmel for providing data and advice for this article. Additional credit goes to Stephen M. Huston for photographing the token from the author's collection.





## Young Numismatists Page

### THE CASE OF THE GILDED NICKEL

By Kimberley Curlett  
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Among the coins the United States Mint had in circulation in 1883 were the Liberty Head Nickel and the Gold Half Eagle (\$5.00). The obverse of each coin was stamped with the head of the Goddess of Liberty. On the reverse side of the nickel was the inscription "E Pluribus Unum" and the Roman Numeral "V." The reverse of the Half Eagle bore the simple inscription "Five D." Heads up they were both alike, except for the fact that one was yellow and the other a white-ish color.



The absence of the word *CENTS* on the reverse of this nickel caused it to become the most famous of misdesigned and misused coins.

Racketeer Nickels<sup>1</sup> got their name from being gold-plated and passed as Half Eagles. Nothing on the piece gave a hint as to its denomination.

Some coins have reeded edges. These are products of facilities outside the mint.

This is an illegal coin.

Josh Tatum, a petty hustler of sorts, was in Boston that year. Always a man to look for a fast money scheme, he pondered the similarity of the two coins. He finally took them to a Boston pawn broker and second-hand jeweler, who was not adverse to turning a 'fast buck,' and fell in with the scheme. He and Josh invested \$50.00 in Liberty Head nickels, and gold plated the entire batch.

With a thousand of the altered coins, Josh set out for a test run. With a small black bag in his hand, he entered a tobacco shop. Mustached and slightly balding, he looked the part of a respectable businessman, and when he placed the gold piece on the counter top and pointed to a five-cent cigar, the clerk was anything but suspicious. He took the coin, dropped it in his cash box and gave Josh \$4.95 in change. Josh nodded a thank-you and left, repeating this performance in one shop after another. A trail of five-cent stogies tossed carelessly into the gutter marked his itinerary that day, and at the end of the week, the entire thousand coins had been passed in the city of Boston.

Some merchants turned them over and looked at the reverse side. They saw the big "V," but since the coins were new and shiny they assumed the government had put out a new issue of the \$5.00 Half Eagle.

Josh and his jeweler friend invested in fifty-thousand more nickels, altered them with the gold plate, and Josh went on the road, working towns and cities between Boston and New York, which was to be the source of his dream of being wealthy. He passed about two thousand more before the government agents closed in and arrested him with almost one thousand of the gilded nickels in his luggage.

Hundreds and hundreds of witnesses took the stand at Josh's trial and testified that he cheated them out of \$4.95. In cross-examination, the defense counsel asked each witness just one question: "Did Josh Tatum ever ask for change?"

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## Who's Who in Cal-State



John C. Boydston  
CSNA #4568

It all began on a hot and muggy day in Brooklyn, New York in the early days of the depression (1931) . . . another collector was born into the Boydston family — of Scotch Blackfoot and German parentage.

In the late 1930's when John could understand the difference between coin collecting and coins used to purchase items, it was decided that stamps were more interesting. (His father could collect the coins).

The family doctor, a former German officer from the 1st World War, befriended John and traded German stamps for U.S. stamps. For every 4 to 6 U.S. stamps, an envelope full of German stamps were given in exchange. By the start of World War II quite an accumulation of German stamps had been received.

He also received several coins, paper money and stamps from his brother and other returning veterans of World War II which were highly prized.

In September 1948, John decided to enter the U.S. Army. After completing his training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey and Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he shipped overseas to Germany — two days before Christmas.

He spent the holiday on a WWII type Victory Ship. He arrived in Germany in January, 1949, and was assigned to the constabulary "Cirele C Cowboys" in Sonthofen (Bavaria) Germany, (the old Hitler youth school). After training he was re-assigned to Kassel as part of a four (4) man town patrol — two G.I.'s, one French MP and one German Police. He spoke German so assimilation with the German people was easy.

Assignments throughout Germany and visits in other European countries added to both his coin and stamp collections. Included was a complete set of overprints of all local East German issues and the Red Black Berlins on First Day Covers, in sheets and singles. These were acquired by barter (coffee and cigarettes). With an expected discharge in September, 1951, the Korean War extended this for almost a year. Finally, he was transferred to Panama in May of 1952 to rejoin his family (mother and brother). Discharged in July, 1952, he remained in Panama and the family returned together to the U.S. in March, 1953.

In March, 1955 he decided to return to the military and entered the U.S. Air Force where he spent the next 22 years and finally retired in June, 1977 with over 26 years of service.

In October, 1956, he married Evelyn, his partner of 33 years who raised their four sons (one who passed away at the age of five).

With approximately 15 years of overseas service, mainly at Radar Squadrons (Isolated Sites) or on TDY's Inspection Teams, he was not home much. Service was all over the Pacific, Alaska, Canada, Europe, Central America, Puerto Rico, Azores, etc. His collections remained dormant during this time.

In 1963, he sold his stamp collection and concentrated on obtaining error coins. His first major buy was a roll of 1955 double die Lincoln cents at \$10.00 per coin — these he traded off for other errors (?) to both dealers and collectors alike.



For the past couple of years, he has been collecting Hobo Nickels and trying to upgrade his regular collections.

John has been a featured speaker at numerous clubs throughout Southern California with topics in the Error and Hobo Nickel fields. He also has exhibited his collection at several shows and won the Best of Show for his "Hobo Nickel" display at San Bernardino in 1989.

Due to medical reasons, John had to retire from his employment as a San Bernardino County Job Developer and since then, has had to curtail a lot of his activities.

He has been on the Board of Directors for several clubs and organizations, and is a member of ANA, CSNA, NASC, plus several clubs in the local area. In addition, he is a Life Member of Coneca, Disabled American Veterans and Military Order of the Purple Heart. He also belongs to several Military Organizations on the national level.

John was also an active Board Member of the Inland Empire Native American Association until his medical retirement.

He enjoys participating in the American Numismatic Association's annual National Coin Week to assist the general public in learning about our great hobby of numismatics.

He now tries to assist young people in gaining more knowledge about coin collecting, especially in the Error and Hobo Nickel fields.

## President's Message

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We don't have many months to await the Golden State Coin Show, co-hosted by the four southern california numismatic organizations at the Pasadena Center, Pasadena, on January 26, 27 and 28th, 1990. There will be an educational forum on Friday, January 26th, and an awards banquet on Saturday for the joint group. There will be two auctions; one conducted by Bowers and Merena, and the other by Ponterio.

The medal designs that have been selected are quite attractive, depicting the logos of the four organizations, overlapping each other and around the rim, notations of the 86th Convention for C.S.N.A., the 35th Convention for N.A.S.C. and the 27th for C.O.I.N. The reverse of each will carry the respective logo for the organization.

In late August, CSNA will have a giveaway day for the old wooden cases that have been taking up storage space in Pomona. Hope you all received the information from your club secretary and were able to take advantage of the bonus . . .

All for now, and thanks for listening,

Dorothy C. Baber, President

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## ALBANIA and AUSTRALIA MINT HOLEY SILVER COINS

For the first time since the demise of Imperial China, nations are minting coins with holes in them. In Albania, the hole in the holey coin is an integral part of the coin's design. On both sides of the 50 Leke coin, the hole takes the form of a tunnel. On one side, the engine is seen coming out of the tunnel, and on the other side, the back-end of the train is viewed going into the tunnel. These interesting coins are also huge — 2½ inches in diameter and each coin contains 5 ounces of .925 fine silver.

On the other side of the world, Australia minted its first legal tender ounce denominated silver coins. These coins, called the Holey Dollar and the Dump, take their name and shape from Australia's first official coins, which were silver pieces of eight with a hole punched in the center. The outer rim became known as the "Holey Dollar" and the center had a 15 pence face value and was called "The Dump." The new Holey Dollar (at right) contains one ounce of silver of 99.9% purity (sterling silver is 92.5% Pure) and The Dump, which fits neatly into the center of the Holey Dollar, contains 1/4 ounce of 99.9 silver and has a face value of 25 cents.





# *Numismatics Around the World*

## 500th Anniversary of the Majestic Sovereign

The British Royal Mint is celebrating a very important and significant event—the 500th anniversary of the famous British gold sovereign. Incredible as it may seem, the British gold sovereign first came into being in 1489—three years before Columbus discovered America.

### THE BIRTH OF THE SOVEREIGN

The birth of the sovereign 500 years ago was, in part, politically motivated. When the reign of the first Tudor monarch, Henry VII began in 1485, the King was not held in as high regard by European monarchs as he wished. He was determined to prove his European counterparts wrong and through his leadership and shrewd administration revitalized a sense of pride and nationhood in his subjects and greatly enhanced the status of his small, but powerful island nation. Playing a vital role in this new image of Henry's England was a beautiful new gold coin.

Though the pound sterling had been a unit of account for centuries, a pound coin had never been minted. Now, with a rising level of prices and an increased supply of gold, Henry felt able to authorize the issue of a magnificent twenty-shilling gold coin.

It was important, however, that this new coin should convey the majesty of the throne, augment the dignity of the King, and embody the spirit and pride of the British nation. The 'sovereign', as it was directed to be called, did exactly that.



The obverse (right) depicted the Sovereign in all his majestic glory, crowned, enthroned and in full coronation regalia. The reverse (left) was equally magnificent, depicting a double Tudor rose and the Royal Coat of Arms.

The original mintage of Henry VII sovereigns is not known. Only one of the original 1489 type is thought to exist today and is now housed in the British Museum, London.

### THE HISTORY OF THE SOVEREIGN

In 1489, the one pound coin represented an enormous amount of money and so the first sovereigns were never intended for general circulation. But they were useful, quite apart from their ceremonial function, as a store of wealth and to settle international debts.



The sovereign continued to be minted throughout the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Queen Mary and Elizabeth I and at the beginning of James I's reign, after which a variety of coins emerged. The sovereign disappeared from circulation until its resurrection in 1817. With the coming of peace after the Battle of Waterloo, British coinage was reformed and in 1817 the twenty-shilling sovereign was revived.



GEORGE III, 1817, first Pistrucci



The new sovereign was much smaller than its predecessor, being half its weight and diameter, but just as striking. It bore on its obverse the customary portrait of the Monarch, who was at that time George III, and on its reverse a graceful design of St. George and the dragon by an Italian gem engraver, Benedetto Pistrucci.

This beautiful design and the coin which it graced were to have a lasting impact not only in Great Britain, but the whole world.

The modern sovereign became the most widely respected international coin of all time. It was struck in branch mints all over the world; in Canada, Australia, South Africa and India. Indeed, one in every two sovereigns were minted in branch mints.

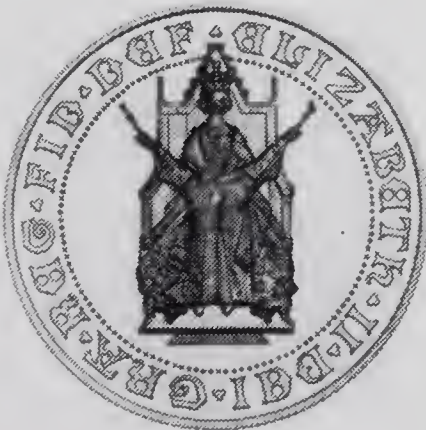
The sovereigns circulated in many parts of the British Empire, and also in countries such as Portugal and Brazil who bore no allegiance to the crown. But what made the sovereign so widely acceptable was its reputation for accuracy, which was legendary.

Sir Robert Peel's dictum of 1844 that gold coins should be as perfect as possible ensured that the Sovereign was a model of precision and this precision was maintained by recalling worn and damaged sovereigns and replacing them with new coins of full weight.

Yet, well established as it was, the gold sovereign became a victim of World War I and within a period of three years the greatest coin in the world completely disappeared from circulation. It was replaced by one-pound notes. By the end of World War II, however, demand for gold coins re-emerged and the Royal Mint again began to mint sovereigns and has continued to do so up to this day.

THE COMMEMORATIVE SOVEREIGN

For such a special anniversary, a Royal Proclamation has been issued by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the striking of a commemorative five-pound, double-sovereign, sovereign and half-sovereign in 22 karat gold bearing two beautiful designs directly inspired by the original sovereign of 1489.



The obverse design, in the spirit of the original sovereign, depicts Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II enthroned in full coronation regalia. In the words of the Royal Proclamation itself "a representation of Ourselves as at Our Coronation, seated in King Edward's Chair and having received the Sceptre with the Cross and the Rod with the Dove, all within the circum-scription "ELIZABETH - II - DEI - GRA - REG - FID - DEV."

The reverse depicts the Royal Arms and Royal Crown superimposed on a double Tudor rose.

The inscriptions surrounding both designs appear in a Gothic-style script to reinforce the sense of antiquity with which the sovereign is associated. Both designs are by Bernard R. Sindall.

### EXTREMELY LIMITED MINTAGES

Very strict issue limits have been set for the special 1989 issue of United Kingdom gold frosted proof coins, of which a four-coin set containing the five pounds, double-sovereign, sovereign and half-sovereign, only 5000 sets will be available worldwide. The three-coin set contains the double-sovereign, sovereign and half-sovereign which is limited to just 10,000 sets. Of the individual coins, the double-sovereign proof is limited to 2000, the sovereign to 12,500, and the half-sovereign to 10,000.

Both sets and individual coins are presented in new style luxurious presentation cases and accompanied by Certificates of Authenticity signed by the Deputy Master of the British Royal Mint.

Virginia M. Hall

Reference: British Royal Mint  
The Chronicle, BRM in North America

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### The Case of the Gilded Nickel . . . *(continued from page 107)*

The answer in each case was "no." The merchants admitted that Josh had merely put down the coin, pointed to what he wanted (always a five-cent article) and then took the change. This was natural for Josh, and proved to be his ace in the hole. Josh Tatum was a deaf mute.

The case was dismissed on the grounds that the merchants had actually cheated themselves. Also, there was no law on the books against gold plating a nickel.

Immediately following the trial, a special session of Congress was called and the United States Mint was authorized to change the inscription on the back of the nickel to "Five Cents." Subsequently, a law was passed against the defacement of a United States minted coin.

Moral: Just because a person can "get-away" with a crime, does not make it right.

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## CSNA's 85th CONVENTION & COIN SHOW

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## SOUTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: DR. SHELBY WAGNER, CSNA #3590

### FROM THE DESERT

The San Bernardino Coin Club has had some excellent programs during the summer. Al Hall spoke and presented slides on the Missions of California. Harold Katzman addressed the club in June with Men in Space and Marin Ostromeeki followed in July with the Confederate Currency. Guests at the club come from as far away as England. The membership roster continues to grow. Back to Basics, a brief educational seminar, featured Norman Chrzanowski on U.S. Commemorative Coin and Bill Grant on Precious Metals.

The club meets in the San Bernardino County Museum. Each fall all clubs who utilize the Museum as their meeting place join for a Museum Fund Fair. The purpose is to raise money for the Museum. The club will sell coins, currency, tokens, books, etc. at the September 23 Fund Fair. It should be a great time!

### TO THE SEA

George Baude presented a slide show for the Culver City Coin Club. His topic was Easter Island and Machu Picchu. George has authored many articles for ANA, NASC, Coin World and other publications. His interests include political satire, Germany inflation notes, military currency, etc. Those in attendance were thoroughly entertained and educated.

### LONG BEACH PROGRAM

The Long Beach Coin Club speakers included Richard Basler on Official Coronation Medals of England, and member Ken Thompson, who was there on D-Day, spoke on one of the most famous days in military history, that of June 6.

### IF YOU DON'T MIND THE DUST YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY . . .

The Covina Coin Club has changed meeting places for at least the next three months. The meetings will be held at Cedar Grove School, 1209 N. Glendora Avenue, Covina. The move was necessitated with the refurbishing of the Covina Park Building, now in process.

### GOING, GOING, GONE!

The Fontana United Numismatists have moved to a new location. They are now meeting at 7993 Sierra Avenue, Suite K, located in the County Square of Fontana. The site is north of Foothill Blvd. Mr. Numismatist, William O. Wisslead, spoke at the May meeting on the topic "In God We Trust." Bill Grant presented Apollo 11 in June. Ethel Lenhart discussed Thomas Jefferson in July. With the excellent speakers, enlarged meeting rooms and ample lighting in the parking area, please feel free to attend the FUN meetings.

### HYPNOTIC WALTER

Dr. Walter Ostromeeki held the Los Angeles Coin Club members' interest during a recent meeting with his Numismatic Quiz. Members present at the meeting indicated they learned things they were not aware of, and this included many of the "pros" at the meeting. Do plan to attend this program if it's presented at your club.

### BAD BREAK, ER, SPRAIN

Sorry to hear of Kay Northam's falling at the West Valley meeting. She was taken to the hospital for X-rays and received good news — no broken bones. She returned home healthy, but sore.

## A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Orange County Coin Club celebrated a milestone in April. The club held its 600th meeting. May 9, 1939 has been considered the organizational meeting. Speaker William Grant, traveling in from San Bernardino, spoke on the Numismatic World of Charles A. Lindberg. The club is busy preparing for the October 27, 28 and 29 California State Numismatic Association's Fall Show in Santa Ana. The club will serve as host, which is a fitting tribute for the club's fiftieth year.



### PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND . . .

The Downey Numismatists officers were installed by Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald. The meeting was held at the Downey Retirement Center as the regular meeting site was not ready due to remodeling. From a report this editor heard, Tom felt at home in the Retirement Center! (Only joking, Tom!) President is Nate Bromberg, Vice President Lynda Richard, Secretary Albertus Hoogeveen and Treasurer Jean Ellis invite you to attend the meetings.

### IN MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Gilvin "Corky" Ayers, Louis Beretich, Lorna Lebold, and Austin Ryer, Jr.

Corky Ayers passed away on Sunday, May 14. He had been in the hospital undergoing radiation for treatment of cancer. He was a Past President of many clubs, as well as the current President of the Numismatic Association of Southern California. Corky suffered a heart attack several years ago, but remained active in the hobby.

Austin Ryer, Jr., immediate past Treasurer and bourse chairman of NASC passed away this past Spring. Austin held offices in several clubs and was very active in Southern California numismatics.

Lorna Lebold passed away on May 28, after being ill for the past two years. She was past President and Corresponding Secretary of the Numismatic Association of Southern California. Those who knew Lorna knew of her dedication, work and support of numismatics.

Louis Beretich passed away on July 13 at his home in Riverside. Lou was a member of the San Bernardino, Fontana and Redlands Coin Clubs, as well as the Orange County Coin Club, serving as the latter's club President in 1970 and 1974.

To every member of the family and friends, we send our heartfelt feelings of love and concern to you.

### DR. JOHN AND HIS TRAVELING COIN SHOW

Dr. John Venable has spent a considerable amount of time traveling the freeways and surface streets presenting outstanding programs. John traveled to the West Valley Coin Club to present U.S. Gold and Silver Coins, Los Angeles Coin Club to speak on the Romance of the So-Called Dollars . . . and who remembers where else. John always presents well thought out programs in an interesting manner. Thank you, John, for being such a fine spokesman for the hobby!

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The West Valley Coin Club is looking for a computer and more. They would like someone to show Al Hoogeveen just how good the publishing package is. Apparently Al recognizes a computer if he sees one and it is pointed out to him. (The latest statement is taken from the Club bulletin.) Actually, as all clubs know, producing a good newsletter is a timely undertaking, but one that must be done if the club is to grow and survive. We thank Al and all of you who send those fine letters in. It is appreciated!



## GENERATING INTEREST

The Long Beach Coin Club obtained five copies of federal publication Consumer Alert on Investing in Rare Coins. The publication was stamped with the club's meeting location and time and provided free of charge to those interested at the Long Beach Expo. The Long Beach Press-Telegram also told of the information. Over forty responses were received after the newspaper article. The club has had three visitors and one new member as a result of this promotion.

The club also participated at the Downtown Public Library's exhibit in July and August on "Money Matters."

## LITTON LETTERS

The Litton Coin Club is a club comprised of many friendly and knowledgeable Litton employees. Although small in membership, the club presented many interesting programs. During the summer programs on Byzantine Coins in Gold, Silver and Bronze, and Russian Olympic Coins, were presented.

## BETTER THAN CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Covina Coin held its Annual Coin Show at the Josslyn Center in Covina on May 21. Attendance was down slightly from last year but the dealers reported good sales. The Best of Show winner was Donald Collins with "Women on Roman Coins." Second place winners were Ethel Lenhert "The Parable of Jesus" and Arri Jacobs "Silver Certificate." An awards dinner was held on May 25. Those who worked so diligently to make the show a success are to be commended.

By the way, the club picnic was held on July 30 at the San Dimas Canyon Park.

## STRIKE UP THE BAND (Wedding - That Is)

Frank and Marie Menegatti of Covina, Upland SBCCC, and perhaps other clubs, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary May 28. Congratulations and many more!

## THERE'S SILVER IN THOSE HILLS

The Verdugo Hills Coin Club celebrated its Silver Anniversary in May. Eight Past Presidents were present, as well as six founding and Charter members. John Gork, Rick Gordon, Hazel Gordon, Bob Thompson, Dennis Berry and Steve Albanese all fit both categories. Congratulations to you and to Past Presidents Dennis Rocklein and Ed Gagnon for being in attendance. Apparently because the candles would not blow out the club's activities will not either. A festive evening was enjoyed by all.

## RENT CONTROL PROBLEM

The Reseda Women's Club, home of the West Valley Coin Club, raised the rent on the club. It was decided by the general membership to move the meetings to a different location. The good news is that the Mercury Savings and Loan Association, 14801 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks is available to house the club. The bad news is that the club had to move their meeting date to the third Sunday of the month. Moving to the third Sunday did eliminate any conflict with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, however.

## FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Alex Shagin held a prestigious position in the Leningrad Mint in Russia as a senior sculptor-engraver. He created many commemorative coins and medals for the Soviet Union during the years of his work. Alex emigrated to the United States in 1979 and began speaking to clubs throughout the area. Reports from various clubs, including the Whittier Coin Club, indicate his programs are very well received.

## TRAVELING AND BUYING

Bay Cities Coin Club President Bob Northam missed the May meeting as he was attending the huge convention and show in Hong Kong. Five days in Taiwan and one day to Canton, China were included. In April, however, Bob and other members were treated as speaker Robert Scott brought a genuine 1776 Continental Dollar to the meeting. The speaker had just purchased the coin in St. Louis.

## FROM THE SOUTH . . .

The San Diego Numismatic Society completed another successful Coinarama. The bourse was a sell-out, the exhibit space was filled to capacity, but attendance was down slightly. Approximately five hundred persons were in attendance, according to Barbara Smith, Registration Chairman.

Exhibit award winners were Jim Hunt, John Lenker, Eric Millman and Kay Lenker, who won the Theme Award on San Diegoana. Member Patsy Rose gave a very nice slide program on San Diego Numismatic material.

At the July meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society Al Baber discussed his trip to Washington, D.C. and the striking of Congressional coin.

## MORE FROM THE SOUTH . . .

The Heartland Coin Club has displayed the design they have chosen for a medal of this club to welcome the ANA to San Diego for the Mid-Winter convention in March 1990. The club also reports this bulletin has grown in size with Carl Sandberg as the editor.

The International Numismatic Society has Berelux and Scandinavia for July, occupation money for August, South America for September, Asia for October, Great Britain and the Commonwealth in November. Sounds like great programs and the club invites you to attend.

The Chula Vista Coin Club reports increased attendance with several active juniors participating at the July meeting, a pot luck/picnic was enjoyed by all.

## I.N.S.L.A. NEWS . . .

The Israel Numismatic Society of Los Angeles has been very active. Speakers have included Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Jerry Yahalom and Donna Sims. Donna incidently, served as the club's installation officer. Thirty-three were in attendance for the dinner/installation. Interestingly enough, there just happened to be thirty-three door prizes. David Gotlieb received a Golden Apple Award for his outstanding dedication to the club.

## QUIET SUMMER

The Redlands Coin Club moved from the Smiley Library to the First Lutheran Church because of remodeling. After several months of meeting in the church, officials of the church decided to remodel their activities room. The club decided not to meet during June, July and August.

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## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The family of Louis and Lorraine Locke surprised (or almost) their parents on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A September 2nd gathering was very festive and enjoyed by friends and relatives to give the happy couple good wishes for many more such days and years.

The Lockes are very active in the Fontana United Numismatists and San Bernardino County Coin Club, as well as the SBC Museum Fund Fair and the International Fair Days of Fontana.

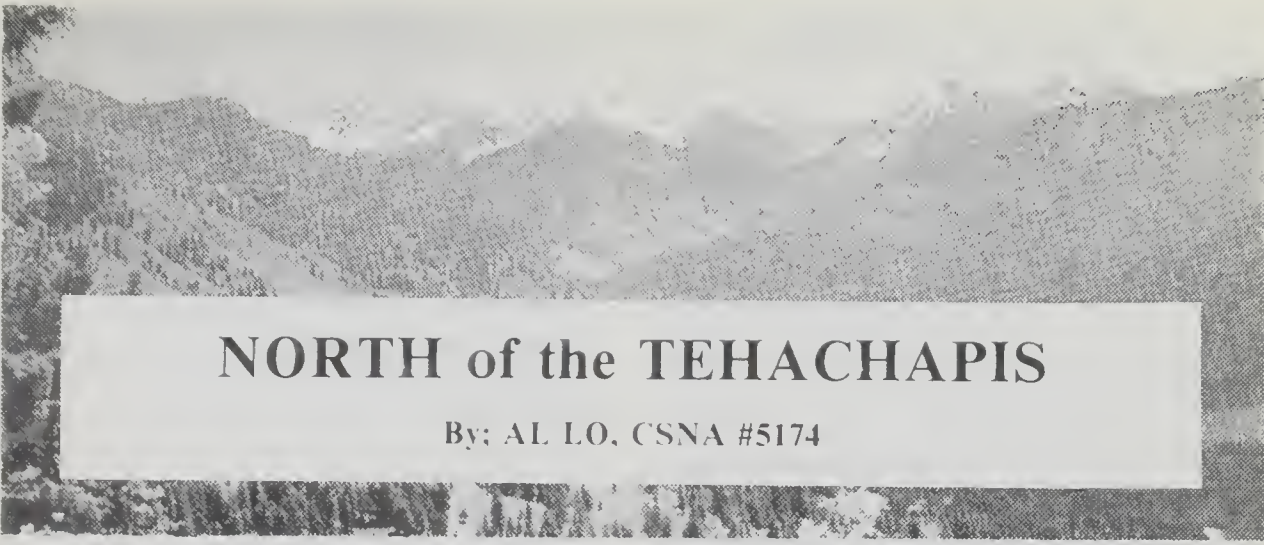
Our congratulations to two very nice people!

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## 25 YEAR MEMBERS FOR 1989

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LIFE 18-2 . . . . . James L. Betton  
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LIFE 18-4 . . . . . Jerry Kroeger  
1425 . . . . . Mrs. Jerry Kroeger  
1430 . . . . . Redlands Coin Club  
1449 . . . . . Loren M. Rhynard  
1462 . . . . . Mary E. Peters  
1469  
LIFE 18-3 . . . . . Joel D. Rettew  
1471  
LIFE 18-1 . . . . . Carl J. Grall  
1475 . . . . . Paul Koppenhaver  
1476 . . . . . Helen B. Cole  
1482 . . . . . Ronald J. Gillio  
1490 . . . . . Sam Jowdy





## NORTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: AL LO, CSNA #5174

Editor's Note: Welcome to Al Lo who is our Assistant Editor from North of the Tehachapis. There will be a photo of Al in the next issue.

### VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

A variety of speakers livened up the *Alameda Coin Club's* meetings. Instead of enjoying only numismatic topics, they have heard interesting speakers such as: *Pauline Kelly* of *Pauline's Antiques* give a superb presentation on antiques, *Vice Mayor Antony "Lil" Arenerich* of *Alameda* spoke on the politics and pressing issues of *Alameda*, and *Althea Garcia* enlightened them about *Antique Dolls*. On an upcoming agenda will be attorney *Jennifer Brown* who will speak on *Avoiding Probate and Living Trusts*. For numismatic topics, *Tom Kelly* gave an interesting presentation on *California Fractional Gold* at the July meeting.

*Tom Kelly*, Coordinator for the *East Bay Coin Show*, invites everyone to attend their show on *September 10th* in the *Oakland Room* at the *Hyatt at Oakland International*, 455 *Hegenberger Road*, *Oakland, Ca.*

### FROM CHINA WITH LOVE

*Kathleen* and *Dean Soderstrom* were fortunate to visit *China* before the student troubles and thus were able to entertain the *Cupertino Coin Club's* May meeting with their experiences in *China* and to show replicas of ancient *Chinese spade and holed money*.

A *Lincoln Memorial Cent Collection* project is under way. A contest to collect the 65 different date *Lincoln cents* (issued

from 1959-1988) FROM CIRCULATION ONLY, is keeping all members looking at their change. The contest ends on *December 1* and anyone completing the set will win a prize. Any member completing the minor varieties (small dates and 1982 composition varieties) will get a bonus prize. Youth Members may also enter a *Lincoln Memorial Cents* essay contest for an additional prize.

### STICKY PEANUT BUTTER FINGERPRINTS DON'T BOTHER THEM

At the March meeting of the *Diablo Numismatic Society*, *Maurice Rose & Maurice Ortiz, Jr.* gave an informative talk on *PCGS* coins and reasons why they collect them – *Liquidity, Neat Packaging, and Protection* of the coins from hazards such as dropping or fingerprints. *Ron Kelichner* displayed and explained his collection of *Political Collectables* at the May meeting and *Walter Breen*, famous *Numismatic Author*, held a question and answer session at the June meeting.

The 1989 *Diablo Numismatic Society Medal* will depict the 75th Anniversary of the city of *Walnut Creek*. The *October 19th* meeting will be a special "Gold Night" with the entire meeting dedicated to *GOLD*: gold coins for prizes in the drawings and raffle, only gold in the Show & Tell, and well-known coin dealer *Ron Miller* speaking on *United States Gold Coinage*.

ABSENTEE MEMBER  
ED HOPKINSON FOUND  
IN TEXAS

A national known publication reported that absentee *Fairfield Coin Club* member, *Ed Hopkinson*, was found serving as the Second Vice President of the San Angelo (Texas) Coin Club. *Fairfield Coin Club* members have offered him the Club's Presidency if he returns.

After 12 years, the annual May Pot-Luck dinner is still going strong. *Wilbur & Marie Hume* were recognized as the organizers of the 1st Pot-Luck in 1977 at the successful and enjoyable May 24th dinner. *Ron Miller* was the guest speaker at the meeting and spoke on Indian Head Nickels and Hobo Nickels. *President Joe Sirois* and *Vice President Michael Turrini* gave a talk on their recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the First Strike ceremonies for the Commemorative Congressional coins at the June meeting. Hawaiian Night was the theme of the July 26th meeting. Membership and raffle prizes were Hawaiian medals, coins, tokens and currency.

MICHAEL TURRINI DOESN'T  
ALWAYS WEAR SHORTS!

At the July 14th meeting, *Delta Coin Club* member *Michael Turrini* showed slides of his trip to Washington, D.C. to view the striking of the new gold and silver coins commemorating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Congress. Michael, whose trade mark is his short shorts, was shown ACTUALLY wearing Long Pants.

*Delta Coin Club* celebrated National Coin Week by displaying an exhibit at Fidelity Savings in Stockton. It also had an Invitational Exhibit at the Vallejo Coin Club Show.

*Delta Coin Club's* 25th Annual Coin show will be held October 21-22, 1989 at the Eagles Hall in Stockton, Ca. They have a great incentive program for selling raffle tickets. Free dinners, silver eagles, 1/10 oz. gold eagles, and 1/4 oz. gold eagles are prizes for members who sell their books of tickets. The more tickets sold, the more prizes won! They should have no trouble selling out of tickets!

EXPO, REPOUSSE COINS,  
& GAMING TOKENS

*Doug Daniels* entertained the *Fremont Coin Club's* April 11th meeting with an interesting speech on the 1892 Columbian Exposition. Repousse Coins was the topic of *Frank Wieczorek's* June 5th slide presentation. Repousse means pushed out and these coins, also called pushed out or pop out coins, are used for jewelry. *Gary Acquistapace* related the History of the Nevada Gambling Tokens at the June 27th meeting.

*Kevin Schilling*, Picnic Chairman, reported that their June 25th picnic was a great Success. Now everyone is actively working on preparing for their Annual August 20 Coin Show. A September 17 Golf Tournament is also being planned.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK —  
ALL YEAR LONG

After listening to *Phil Plettner* speak on the National Coin Week Program, the *Fresno Numismatic Society* members agreed that the National Coin Week is too important for a "casual celebration" so the club has taken under consideration the appointing of a Board Member who will work on National Coin Week 52 weeks a year. Sounds like a GREAT IDEA!

*Phil Plettner* also presented an ANA slide program on grading Washington quarters. After a couple of years hiatus, *George Shamlin* spoke on the current Certification (slab) Market, the future of this market, the grading standard used by this market, and the latest trends. At the May Other Hobbies Night, *Junior Member Joel Kittiko*, highlighted the evening with his well presented and knowledgeable talk on Belleek, the area of Ireland where collectable porcelain cups, saucers, plates, and jars are made.

DAVID CIENIEWICZ GIVES  
15 YEAR OLD IMPROMPTU(?) TALK

*David Cieniewicz*, our newest Krause Numismatic Ambassador, entertained the *Liberty Numismatic Society's* May meeting with anecdotes from his experiences as



a San Francisco Mint employee. This was the same(?) talk he gave as an impromptu speech 15 years ago. Dave, you must have a Fantastic Memory! *Tom Kelly* was the July speaker on California Fractional Gold Coins.

Liberty has a unique COIN OF THE MONTH drawing. Anyone can bring in a Coin of the Month and at the end of the meeting, one LUCKY person gets to take home ALL of the Coins. Sounds like a good way to share your extras and maybe win some coins you need.

#### NEW BLOOD WITH DON HILL

*Napa Valley Coin Club's* elections were not contested but new Member-at-Large Board Member, *Don Hill*, will provide new blood and ideas for the club.

The Third Annual Silver night in May was one of the best attended nights of the year! (Wouldn't you attend if you could win some of the 35 ounces of silver bars and rounds?) Silver Night was followed with the July 19th, First Annual Silver Dollar Night where all membership and raffle prizes were U.S. silver dollars.

#### IF IT'S APRIL, IT MUST BE DON THRALL

*Don Thrall* presented one of his "short but interesting history" of U.S. fractional notes at the April *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society* meeting. Another "short but interesting history" of California Fractional Gold was given by *Tom Kelly*. PCNS Bulletin Editor, *Paul Holtzman*, wrote that although Tom has been a member for only a short (but interesting) time, he is noted for his numismatic knowledge and the tales he can spin.

Their Annual Banquet sounds like the ideal kind to attend — No Speeches, BUT lots of Interesting Talk. Lots of Bingo and Valuable Prizes, BUT No Contributions to Play & Win. The Food was Excellent AND the Price was Right! What More Can One Ask??"

#### WHO'S WHO AT PCC?

The New 1989-90 *Peninsula Coin Club* Officers will be as follows: *President - Bob Keegan*, *Vice-President - Al Lo*, *Treasurer - Fred van den Haak*, and *Secretary - Dan Shattuc*. Special THANKS were given to *Rich Douglas*, outgoing Treasurer, for his many years of service and efforts to the Club.

The Peninsula Coin Club will hold its Annual Coin Show on November 12th, 1989 at the Hyatt Palo Alto, Palo Alto, Ca. Exhibit information and bourse applications can be requested by writing to the Club at P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. Special Show Bronze (\$3) and Silver (\$25) Medals with the theme "A Salute to Our Presidents" and a portrait of George Washington on it, are available for sale by writing to the above address.

#### SFCC GOES TO EUROPE AND ENDS WITH ERRORS

*Michael Turrini* started the *San Francisco Coin Club* on it's tour by speaking at the March meeting on the Carnegie Medals which are given by the Carnegie Commission to persons who have done a heroic act and have unknowingly been nominated to receive these prestigious medals. Next *Hans Hansson* took them to Sweden, A Short History, in April. *Steve Seelig* gave the second part of his Luxembourg Talk, Luxembourg, Its Later History, in May. June's meeting featured *Ron Johnson*, coin error expert, who shared his knowledge and experience on Errors.

#### WHO'S MINDING DIS JOINT

*San Jose Coin Club* 1989-90 officers who were installed at their Annual April Banquet are: *President - Ron Miller*, *Vice-President - Vic Lazzaro, Jr.* *Vice-President - Ronda Johnson*, *Recording Secretary - Martha Sanford*, *Corresponding Secretary - Al Lo*, *Treasurer - Wally Wallaker*, *Librarian - Ed Sins*, *Historian - Rod Per-*

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Friendship consists of a willing ear, an understanding heart and a helping hand.

relli, and Board of Directors - Dean Alfred, Gary Acquistapace, Larry Benson, Ed Flamate, Peter Flores, and Ray Johnson.

Congratulations to Steve and Martha Sanford who won both the obverse and reverse designs for the 1990 show medal. The medal will show the new County Transit Trolley and the New Convention Center.

Peter Flores presented the annual coin quiz at the May meeting. Ron Ikebe, the best humorist in the club, gave a talk entitled, "Trials and Tribulations of the Coin Market" in July.

### MEET ME IN VALLEJO

Solano Silver Round Club held its annual April meeting at the Vallejo Numismatic Society Coin Show. Reknown numismatist, David Lange, was the guest speaker who entertained the club with interesting and funny anecdotes of being involved in designing a club medal.

Club member Bernard Von Nothaus was featured in the May issue of Coinage Magazine and told of his trials and tribulations on forming his mint. He is the mint master of the Royal Hawaiian Mint in Honolulu, Hawaii.

### WHAT DID WE DO FOR 35 YEARS

In celebration of the Vallejo Numismatic Society's 35th Anniversary, the club Historian will prepare and present at their next four monthly meetings short talks and displays on the Club's past. Included are the Founding and First Meeting (May), First and Second Annual Shows (June), 1957 CSNA Convention Host (July) and 1979 Twenty-fifth and 1984 Thirtieth Anniversary Banquest (August).

### MAN ON THE MOON

The Liberty Numismatic Society of San Mateo commemorates the Apollo XI lunar landing on the moon with their 1989 medal.

The obverse, designed by Al Lo, shows one of the astronauts who has just planted the U.S. flag. The earth appears above. Around the periphery are Neil Armstrong's historic words: "That's one small step for a man; one giant leap for mankind."



Antique bronze (150 pcs struck) are available at \$3 postpaid, and .999 silver one ounce (100 numbered pcs struck) at \$21 postpaid. These are available at Liberty Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 844, Millbrae, Ca. 94030.

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### COLORADO SILVER DOLLARS

Colorado made and sold such items as "Colorado Century of Progress Dollars" in order to raise funds to put a Colorado exhibit in Chicago for the Century of Progress Exhibition in 1933. At least four different types of medals, each with an ounce of silver, were sold for \$1 or more. By the amount produced for the prices estimated the state evidently did not get the needed funds for the trip. Silver in those days was 28 cents an ounce, so they made money on the \$1-plus medals.



## IN REMEMBRANCE



MIGUEL L. MUNOZ

CSNA #5168

Miguel L. Munoz, 80, world-renowned numismatist, researcher and scholar, died July 6 in Mexico City.

Sr. Munoz's interest in numismatics came early in life. As a child he bought some penny candy from a vendor and received as change a handful of "centavitos." He noticed the coins had different reverses. That one event led to a life-long interest in collecting coins.

Sr. Munoz was born in San Julian, Jalisco, Mexico. He was educated in Cuernavaco and Escuela Nacional de Agricultura in Chapingo, Edo. de Mexico. Later studied at New York University in civil engineering. He acted as a manufacturer's representative dealing in paper products, steel, aluminum and other raw materials from the U.S., England and firms in Europe.

Author, speaker, seven times President of Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico, Sr. Munoz has eight Heath Literary awards and the ANA Medal of Merit. He has been a speaker at the C.S.N.A. Educational Symposiums, the last time being March 19, 1988.

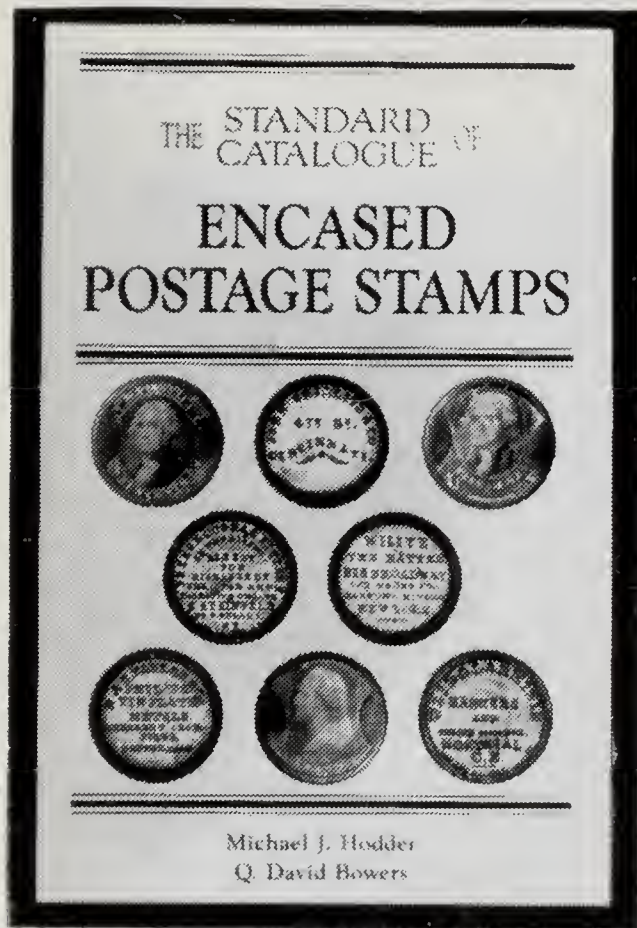
Articles under his name include many about Mexican numismatics which have been published in the United States, Mexico and Canada. In South America his articles have been published in Peru and Brazil; and in Europe, in Spain, France, Switzerland, England, Germany and Czechoslovakia. They have also appeared in Japan and the Philippines.

Sr. Munoz authored seven books and two of Coin World's Coins supplements.

Survivors include his wife Anita, a daughter, two sons and a host of friends from around the world.



## BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS



The Standard Catalogue of Encased Postage Stamps by Michael J. Hodder and Q. David Bowers, has just been released. In 191 pages, the authors describe, give rarity ratings for and price 237 varieties of encased postage stamps.

Encased postage stamps were the brain-child of John Gault, who on August 12, 1862, patented a brass frame, fronted with a pane of clear mica, behind which was mounted a contemporary U.S. postage stamp. The back of each encased postage stamp bore the advertisement of a firm or product.

Encased postage stamps were born of necessity at a time in the Civil War when the outcome of the conflict was uncertain, and the public hoarded cents, dimes, quarters, and other coins in circulation making it virtually impossible for newsstands, barber shops, street car lines and others to conduct business. Each variety is given a catalogue number, a cross-reference to Scott and Friedberg numbers, where applicable, and is priced in grades from Fine to Mint.

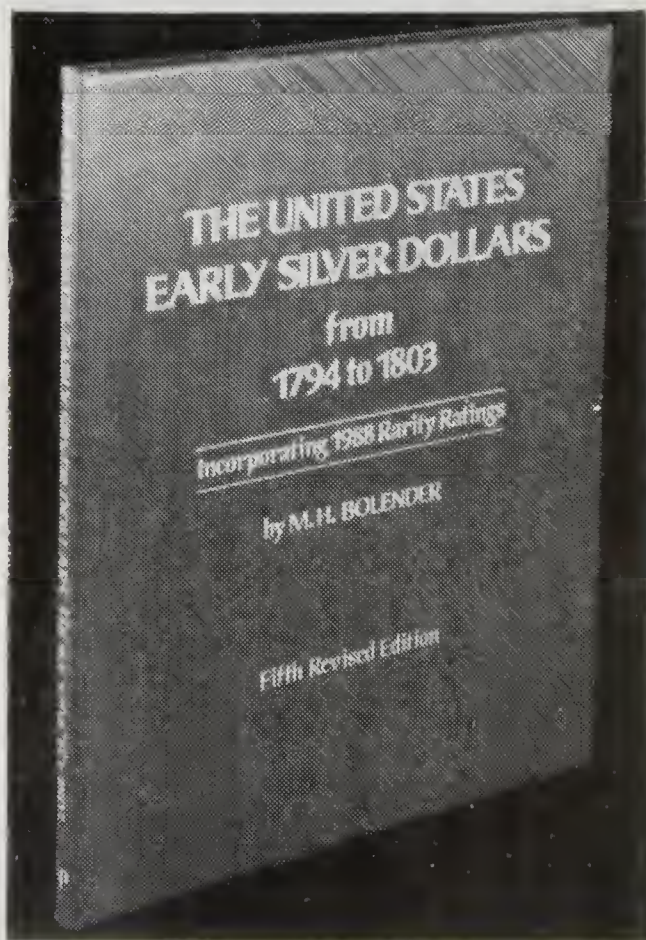
Copies of the book are available in soft-bound format at \$19.95 or in deluxe hard-bound style for \$27.95. Available by mail

from Bowers and Merena Publications, Box 1224, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 please add \$2.00 postage and handling, or see your local dealer.

The ever popular silver dollar book by M. H. Bolender is now available in its 5th edition. The 1st edition was released in 1950, authored by the late N. H. Bolender who was known in collecting circles as "the dean of American Numismatics." The book is considered the most authoritative examination available for early silver dollars.

This is a practical guide to the 84 different obverse dies and 75 distinct reverse dies, which mated into 114 distinct varieties from the early American era of 1794-1803. Covered in the book are Flowing Hair Dollars (1794-95), Draped Bust, Small Eagle Dollars (1795-98) and Draped Bust, Heraldic Eagle Dollars (1796-1804).

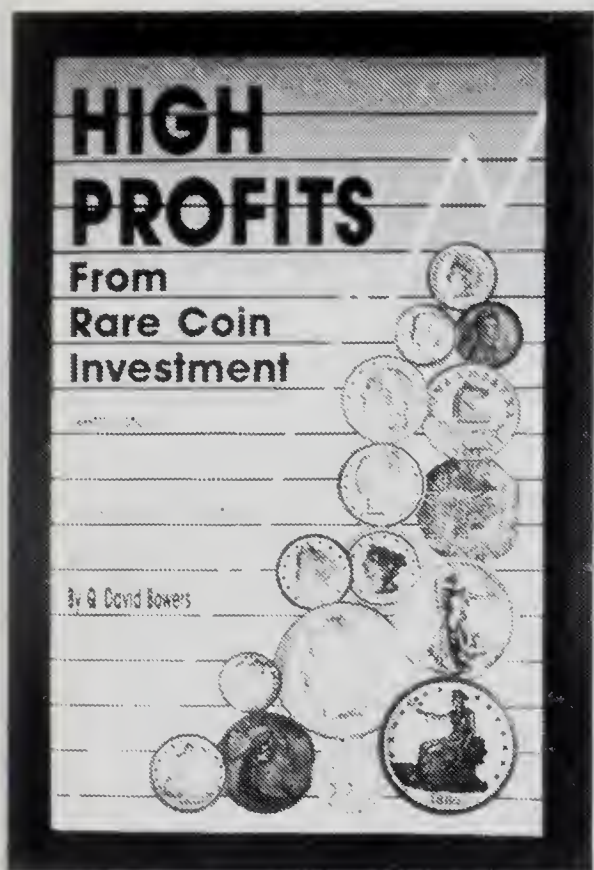
This book is available in hardbound format at \$27.95 in the USA from local coin dealers or direct from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, Wi. 54990. Please include \$2.50 postage and handling when ordering from the publisher.



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## BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS



"High Profits From Rare Coin Investment" is a book which interjects common sense into the field and which stresses correctly that over the years by far the largest profits have gone to those who have built collections, rather than those who have purchased coins at random. There is no substitute for knowledge, and this book will give anyone reading it a head start in the education department.

Far from being a number-filled text, it is written in the author's informal, chatty manner and will furnish several evenings of delightful reading. One can enjoy and learn at the same time!

It is available at \$14.95 plus \$2.00 postage and handling from Bowers and Merena Publications, Box 1224, Wolfeboro, N.H. 03894 or see your local dealer.

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## COINAGE OF WILLIAM WOOD

Collecting of U.S. Colonial Coinage has become increasingly more popular since the U.S. Bicentennial celebration.

The coinage is available, generally affordable and historically interesting. Further, a fairly large number of references are on hand and are reprinted so as to enable the collector good basic background and detailed information.

Sanford J. Durst, New York based numismatic book publisher has reprinted Philip Nelson's *The Coinage of William Wood*. He has reprinted the 48 page nicely illustrated book before, as has Spink & Son Ltd. of London, but even those reprints have been unavailable for several years.

The book covers numerous issues produced by the highly controversial Wood under royal patent (contract) in the 1720's-1730's period used both in the American Colonies and in Ireland and the Isle of Man, including his patterns.

Wood was highly controversial as there was lots of intrigue involved in the short-changing of the coinage by weight and quality.

The *Coinage of William Wood* is available at \$7.00 retail from Sanford J. Durst, 29-28 41st Avenue, Long Island City, N.Y. 11101 USA

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### LIBRARY . . .

A place - set apart to contain books and other library material for reading, study or reference.

If you do not have an extensive numismatic library of your own, be sure to use your CSNA member privileges by checking the book you need out of the CSNA library.

Write to Dorothy Beaulieu, 3143 Neal Ave., San Jose, Ca. 95117



ELIZABETH L. WISSEAD  
CSNA #720

# The Secretary's Report

## New Members

(8 May 1989 through 31 July 1989)

|      |                             |                                                                         |
|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5252 | ROSS, T. D. ....            | (sponsored by Virginia Hall)                                            |
| 5253 | SANDERS, MICHAEL .....      | (sponsored by Dave Cieniewicz)                                          |
| 5254 | ACKER, TOMMY .....          | 561 Sturgeon Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626<br>(sponsored by Charles Colver) |
| 5255 | ORTIZ, JR., MAURICE O. .... | P.O. Box 5096, Concord, CA 94524-0096<br>(sponsored by Virginia Hall)   |
| 5256 | LINDSEY, HOWARD H. ....     | (sponsored by the secretary)                                            |
| 5257 | PETRINI, JAMES J. ....      | (sponsored by the secretary)                                            |
| 5258 | RADA, HENRY .....           | 11234 Exeter St., Loma Linda, CA 92354<br>(sponsored by Albert Hall)    |

### DECEASED

1309 Ayers, G. A.  
LM 2-7 Haydon, Bland B.

### REINSTATEMENTS

5172-Jr Wisslead, James Michael  
1691 Doovas, William  
3960 O'Reilly, Michael J.

### ADDRESS UNKNOWN — DROP

LM 34-12 Imbrogno, Wayne

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|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| Membership on May 8, 1989 .....             | 964 |
| New Members May 8 thru July 31, 1989) ..... | 7   |
| Reinstatements .....                        | 3   |
| Deceased .....                              | 2   |
| Resignations .....                          | 0   |
| Address Unknown — Drop .....                | 1   |
| Membership Total, July 31, 1989 .....       | 971 |
| Total Life Members .....                    | 145 |



## NEW USES FOR BRUSH PLATING OF GOLD

In recent years the old brush plating or doctoring process for refinishing damaged jewelry, and refurbishing chandeliers and objects d'art, has been upgraded to meet the demands of high technology.

Because the technique requires only a hand held brush-like stylus-anode covered by a sponge applicator filled with a specially prepared high-gold content electrolyte solution, with the object to be plated as the cathode, the size of the object to be coated has no limitations. Thus, brush gold plating, which could be "painted on," on site was the natural choice for four 17-foot high bronze-gilded equestrian statues. These were 1949 gifts of the Italian Government. They grace the entries of the Arlington Memorial Bridge in Washington, D.C., and recently began to show serious signs of abrasive wear.

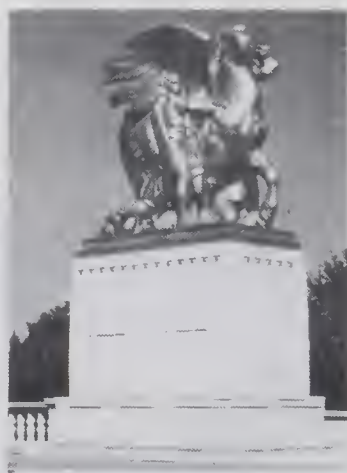
Brush plating is a true electroplating process. The brush-worked electroplated metal is molecularly bonded to the underlying metal resulting in greater adhesion to carbon, aluminum, stainless steel, and other metals than by conventional electroplating. The metal deposited by this process is therefore harder, less porous, and has better adhesion and fatigue strength. These advantages lend themselves to both industrial and artistic applications.

*One application is the repair of gold-coated bolts used in nuclear submarines.*

These bolts are used in a critical assembly in the submarine's nuclear power plant where smoothly moving nuts and bolts assure prompt replacement of components essential to the operation of the submarine. If repairs on the gold coatings on the bolts are required, on-the-spot brush plating is used to allay any possibility of corrosion-bonding together of nuts and bolts in this aggressive marine environment.

*Other important applications* of this process include repair and maintenance of printed electrical circuits, improving the solderability of hard-to-solder metals, and the gold-plating of copper commutators on high speed servo motors used throughout jet aircraft. The use of brush-plated gold flash on gears, bearings, bushings, and cylinder liners of modern aircraft assure long reliable performance of these critical components under adverse environmental conditions.

What was once a handy jeweler's aid, has truly entered the realm of high technology.



Latest gold brush plating technique being applied at Selectrons, Ltd. in Waterbury, Ct. Gold-plated equestrian statue, Arlington Memorial Bridge in Washington, D.C.

# NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR AWARD

Congratulations to CSNA members, Bill Floto (#3130) and his wife Sally Floto (#5260-A)!

They received the Krause Publication Numismatic Ambassador Award on August 5 at the Greater Las Vegas 15th Annual Coin Show. The presentation was made by Charles Colver, K/P West Coast Representative.

Bill and Sally have been active for many years in the Las Vegas Numismatic Society and the Silver State Coin Club. The LVNS sponsors a Library Fund each year which is under the direction of Sally Floto. Numismatic books are placed in all Clark County Libraries on an annual basis. A few years ago, Sally was successful in placing a Red Book in every school in the state of Nevada.

Congratulations to two deserving numismatists!

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## DON'T FORGET!

CSNA's 85th Convention & Coin Show October 27-29, 1989  
Saddleback-Travelodge, 1660 E. First St., Santa Ana, Ca.  
Meet your friends and celebrate OCCC's 50th birthday!





## CHUCKLES



While going west in 1892, Mr. Girard Clemons made sure all his prize possessions rode with him in the wagon. Out of consideration for his wife, Mr. Clemons drove slowly.

— *Country Living Magazine*

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### NUMISMATIC CALENDAR

- February 24-25, 1990 ..... 20th Annual Coin Show  
Cupertino Coin Club, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
De Anza College, Cupertino  
Bourse: Frank Neilson, c/o CCC, Box 1189, Cupertino 95014
- March 2-4, 1990 ..... 27th Annual Coin Show  
Las Vegas Numismatic Society, Union Plaza, Downtown Las Vegas  
Bourse: Ernie Ferrario, 1417 Webb St., Las Vegas 89030
- March 25, 1990 ..... 26th Annual Coin Show  
Napa Valley Coin Club, Town & Country Fairgds., 575 Third St., Napa  
Bourse: Gene Feierstein, Box 3583, Napa 94558
- April 29, 1990 ..... 18th Annual Vallejo Coin Show  
Vallejo Numismatic Society  
Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park  
Tuolumne St. at North Camino Alto, Vallejo  
Bourse: Mike Stanley, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord 94520  
Info: Stan Turrini, e/o VNS, Box 4281, Vallejo 94590

# CALENDAR OF NUMISMATIC EVENTS

## CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- October 27-29, 1989 ..... 85th Convention & Coin Show  
Saddleback Inn, 1660 E. First St., Santa Ana, Ca.  
General Co-Chairmen: Albert Hall and Bruce Davidson  
Bourse Chairman: Wm. J. Grant, Box 295, Patton, Ca. 92369  
Host Club: Orange County Coin Club
- January 26-28, 1990 ..... 1st Coin Show  
Golden State Coin Show  
CSNA, COIN, NASC, SIN — Pasadena Convention Center  
General Chairman: Tom Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina 91724  
Bourse Chairman: Kay Lenker, Box 6909, San Diego 92106  
Exhibit Chairmen: Al and Virginia Hall, Box 499, Colton 92324
- March, 1990 ..... 22nd Annual Educational Symposium  
Griswold's Inn, Freeway #91, Raymond Off-Ramp, Fullerton  
Dir. of Education: Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina 91724

## OTHERS

- October 8, 1989 ..... 22nd Annual Coin-A-Rama  
Redwood Empire Coin Club  
Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa  
Bourse: William Feist, Box 2811, Santa Rosa 95405
- October 14-15, 1989 ..... 32nd Coin-A-Rama  
Sacramento Valley Coin Club  
Elk's Hall, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (Florida Rd. West off I-5)  
Bourse Chrm: Dennis Pacheco, Box 160122, Sacramento 95816
- October 21-22, 1989 ..... 25th Annual Show  
Delta Coin Club, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton  
Bourse: Elden Enzminger, Box 216, Victor 95253
- October 22, 1989 ..... 30th Annual Coin-O-Rama  
West Valley Coin Club  
Holiday Inn, 8244 Orion Ave., Sierra Rms. I & II, Van Nuys  
Bourse: Paul Borack, 3125 Washington Blvd., Marina del Rey 90292
- November 4-5, 1989 ..... 23rd Annual Coin-a-Rama  
Fresno Numismatic Society, Airport Holiday Inn, Fresno  
Bourse: Steve Foster, 4376 N. Blackstone, Fresno 93726
- November 5, 1989 ..... 24th Annual Coin Show  
Santa Cruz Coin Club  
C.P.D.E.S. Hall, 216 Evergreen St. (Harvey West Park), Santa Cruz  
Bourse: Bo Borick, Box 268, Santa Cruz 95061
- November 12, 1989 ..... Annual Coin Show  
Peninsula Coin Club, Hyatt Hotel, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto  
Bourse: Fred van den Haak, Box 60484, Palo Alto 94306-0484
- December 10, 1989 ..... 28th Annual Coin Show  
Diablo Num. Soc., Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord  
Bourse: Mike Stanley, 2107 Gill Dr., Concord 94520
- January 7, 1990 ..... 27th Coin Hobby Show  
San Bernardino County Coin Club  
National Orange Show Grds, Citrus Blvd. 689 "E" St., San Bernardino  
Bourse: Norm Sturgess, Box 1028, Colton 92324
- January 19-21, 1990 ..... 22nd Annual Coin Show  
San Jose Coin Club  
New San Jose Conv. Center — Almaden & San Carlos, San Jose  
Bourse: Ken Barr, Box 5621, San Jose 95150